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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

1. AMBASSADOR WELLS MET WITH JOHN HANNAH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WFC, WHO IS ATTENDING ESCAP MEETING FOR TWO DAYS ONLY, MARCH 7-8. SUCCESSOR TO HANNAH WAS DISCUSSED.

2. HANNAH SAID HE HAD ARRIVED IN BANGKOK DIRECTLY FROM MANILA WHERE HE HAD MET WITH TANCO, WFC PRESIDENT. TANCO HAD TOLD HANNAH THAT (1) HE STRONGLY FAVORED A US NATITNAL AS A SUCCESSOR TO HANNAH AND (2) THAT HIS FIRST CHOICE FOR THAT POSITION IS MAURICE WILLIAMS, CURRENT DAC CHAIRMAN. ACCORDING TO HANNAH, TANCO SAID THAT IS US PUT FORWARD WILLIAMS AS CANDIDATE, HE WOULD SECURE COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT CANDIDACY FROM G-77.

3. HANNAH NOTED CURRENT TALLY OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES AS FOLLOWS:

A. LASSE AASLANDS (NORWAY);

B. SALAHUDDIN AHMED (BANGLADESH), CURRENTLY PERMANENT SECRETARY,

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS;

C. SIR FREDERICK KEARNS (UK), CURRENTLY SECOND PERMANENT SECRETARY AT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD.

OTHER NAMES BEING MENTIONED BUT NOT OFFICIALLY SUBMITTED BY GOVERNMENTS ARE

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HILLS (JAMAICA), MENSAH (BENIN) AND BELL (US).
HANNAH INDICATED THAT IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER MILLS WOULD GIVE UP HIS CURRENT POSITION AS SPOKESMAN FOR G-77 AT UN AND PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC.

4. HANNAH IS RETURNING TO ROME FROM BANGKOK AND EXPECTS TO BE IN NEW YORK DURING WEEK OF MARCH 13.
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